

PETERS TOWNSHIP MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2009
MINUTES

I. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

- a. The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:20 AM by president, Sue Clark. There were approximately 32 people in attendance (see Attachment). The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Sue introduced all the new members of the PTA Board.

II. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

- a. Sue Clark encouraged everyone to sign up for Constant Contact since that is the only way that PTMS PTA communicates with it's members.
- b. Sue also encouraged parents to consult the PTA web page for information relating to PTA events and contact information of the PTA board.

III. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- a. Dr. Merante answered questions from parents.
- b. Assistant Principal, Dr. Monsour discussed the following:
 1. The PTMS obtained a \$10,000 Highmark High 5 Grant that will be used to address physical, nutrition, bullying and self esteem issues.
 - a. The grant enabled the school to open an exercise room equipped with 5 treadmills and 2 exercise bikes that can be used by students during study labs. The staff will be working on how to let students sign up to do this in the coming weeks. The school is interested in having the PTA put on additional health and wellness programs for the students.
 - b. The school also developed a 1 mile walking trail.
 2. School Pictures are on Sept. 17th starting at 8 am until about 11:10 pm.
 3. Open House is Sept. 17th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Parents only and no siblings due to space constraints. Parents will follow their child's schedule that day and have about 10 minutes in each class.
 4. Grade facilitators may be contacted if you have any questions concerning your child's grade. 8th grade facilitators are Chris Kelly and Matt Cheran. 7th grade facilitators are Jenn Palko and Dee Petricca.

5. Morning announcements that are broadcast at the MS each morning can be found on the MS website.

IV. TEACHERS' REPORTS/STUDENT COUNCIL/GUIDANCE COUNSELORS

- a. No report

V. SECRETARY'S REPORT

- a. The minutes from the May 2009 meeting were approved without changes.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

- a. Sarah Lindsay reported that the audit of 2008–2009 was performed over the summer with no exceptions.
- b. A Motion was made by Linda Van Newkirk to approve the 2009–2010 budget (a copy of which is attached). The Motion was seconded, voice vote carried.

VII. 1ST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Carol Planitzer announced the following:

- a. School pictures will be taken on Sept. 17th
- b. Newsletter Committee needs a chairperson. Articles for the newsletter are due the same day as the PTA meeting.
- c. The Halloween Dance will be held on October 23rd. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Deb Antonucci.
- d. Committees that need a chair person that fall under the 1st VP are Area Council, 8th Grade Picnic, Character Counts, Holiday Dance, Spring Dance, 7th Grade Celebration and Teacher Appreciation.

VIII. 2ND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Lisa Scoulos announced the following:

- a. Encouraged everyone to become members
- b. Encouraged attendees to participate in cash back programs
- c. Open House is Sept. 17th
- d. Apple Crunch Day is Oct. 28th
- e. Reflections theme is "Beauty Is . . ."
- f. Spirit Wear can be ordered at Open House
- g. Chairpersons are needed for the following committees that fall under the 2nd VP: Cash back Programs, Open House, Apple Crunch Day.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:45 AM.

Approved Oct. 1, 2009_____s/Lisa Anderson_____

Lisa Anderson
Secretary